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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL has demanded Rs. 3,000 crore for rural telephone expansion plans;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to expand telephony network in rural area; and

(d) the time by which all villages are likely to be provided telephone link?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No, Sir. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has demanded Rs. 2526 crore for the year 2001-2002.

(b) Government has allotted Rs. 1500 crore for the year 2001-2002 subject to actual expenditure incurred by BSNL.

(c) To expand telephony network in rural areas, Government has entrusted Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to introduce new technologies like C DOT Wireless Multiple Access Systems and Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) systems.

(d) All villages are likely to be provided telephone link by the year 2002.